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BOOK REVIEWS

A Parrot without a Name The Search for the Last Unknown Birds on Earth
Don Stap, 240 pp. index, 6 x 9, Alfred A. Knopf, New York, \$19.95

This is an account of a 1987 collecting expedition to Peru for Louisiana State University, led by John O'Neill. He had already described 11 new species of birds and was still looking. Peru has 1700 known species of birds and still counting. It took them two days by outboard-powered dugouts to get to the camp site from the last settlement. Later, with higher water, two natives made it in a day, but the water was so low when they broke camp that most of the participants had to walk out, taking eight days. And in between accounts of this expedition Stap includes notes on another expedition with Ted Parker and reports of other

expeditions and comments on other topics of collateral interest, such as why South America has such a variety of birds. The book should be of interest to anyone interested in birds, in adventure, in conditions in back-country South America and more.

EXPLORING THE WORLD OF BIRDS Adrian Forsyth and Laurel Aziz, 72 pp., 8.25 x 8.25, index, Camden House, Charlotte, VT, cloth \$15.95, paperback \$9.95.

This is one of a series of children's science books and should serve as a satisfactory introduction. The information is presented in three parts: morphology, behavior, and ecology, each consisting of several two (four 4) facing page "chapters," with colored illustrations on each page. There is one page of "Further Reading." This is a Canadian book, using metric measurements, which may serve as a good introduction to future use and English spelling (behaviour, programme), which can be pointed out. For several topics there are suggestions as to projects the reader can carry out and a final section on birdwatching and study in one's own back yard. But the vocabulary is at least junior high, maybe high school level. The index is to species only, but the list of "chapters" serves as an index to subjects.

The 1991 Bird Identification Calendar, illustrated by John Sill, 11 x 14, The Stephen Greene Press, New York, \$9.95.

The first two pages are on attracting birds. The others have illustration and a short note each on usually five birds facing the calendar page (14 inches wide), except that one month is devoted to the Black-capped Vireo, and another to various sketches of the Belted Kingfisher, by Larry Barth.

Rare Birds of the World, 1991 Calendar, text by Guy Mountfort, illustrations by Norman Arlott, 11 x 14, The Stephen Greene Press, New York, \$10.95.

The text and the illustrations have been taken from *Rare Birds of the World*. The first two pages contain an Introduction: Birds and Man, with seven illustrations repeated from the illustrations for the months. The facing page for each month illustrates rare birds from a particular geographic region, with some of the page containing the calendar also containing a comment on the birds illustrated. Because of this text, the calendar space itself is 6.5 x 11.